

Abstract

An apparatus (10) includes an inflatable vehicle occupant protection device (14) with an upper portion (38) and a lower portion (40) in an inflated condition in the vehicle. A fabric deflector tube (60) is located in the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device (14) and has opposite first and second ends (62,64). The first the end (62) is completely closed. The deflector tube has a first outlet (66,68) adjacent the closed end (62) for directing a first amount of inflation fluid from an inflator (32) to the upper portion (38) of the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device (14). The second end (64) of the fabric deflector tube (60) is completely open and defines a second outlet for directing a second amount of inflation fluid, larger than the first amount of inflation fluid, from the inflator (32) to the lower portion (40) of the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device (14).